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METHOD FOR THE SAME AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR RECORDING
CONTROL PROGRAM FOR THE SAME

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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 2000-92401, published March 31, 2000.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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Note (For a list of the cited literature, see the List of Cited Literature.)

- Claims: 1–3, 5–7 and 9
- Cited Literature: 1
- Remarks: Cited Literature 1 (in particular Figure 5 and its explanation) describes the display of an icon that corresponds to a search key.

(Reason 2) The scope of patent claims of the present application does not fulfill the requirements of Article 36, Paragraph 6, Item 2 of the Patent Law in the following respects.

Note

In Claims 1, 5 and 9, the meaning of the description “the search results are displayed by means of display information made to correspond with the search conditions” is unclear, and it is uncertain how the search results are displayed (according to the detailed description of the invention, the search results are not displayed immediately).

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-092401

Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results

- Fields Searched: IPC 7th Edition H04N 5/44–5/46, H04B 1/16
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